IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

EARL WHITMIRE,)
Petitioner,)
v.) Case No. CIV-09-305-D
PAUL A. KASTNER, Warden,)
Respondent.)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Earl Whitmire has filed a petition for habeas relief. Rather than pay the filing fee, Mr. Whitmire moved for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The motion indicates that Mr. Whitmire has \$156.05, and the filing fee is only \$5.00.¹ Because Mr. Whitmire has adequate funds for the filing fee, the undersigned recommends that the Court: (1) deny the motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, (2) order payment of the filing fee within twenty days,² and (3) dismiss the action without prejudice if Mr. Whitmire fails to timely pay the filing fee or show good cause for the failure to do so. *See* W.D. LCvR 3.3(e).

The Petitioner is advised of his right to object to this report and recommendation by April 14, 2009. *See* W.D. Okla. Local Civil Rule 72.1. If the Petitioner does object, he must file a written objection with the Court Clerk for the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma. The Petitioner is further advised that if he does not timely object, he

¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) (2000).

See W.D. Okla. LCvR 3.3(e).

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would waive his right to appellate review over a denial of pauper status in the district court. *See Moore v. United States*, 950 F.2d 656, 659 (10th Cir. 1991).

This report and recommendation terminates the referral.

Entered this 25th day of March, 2009.

Robert E. Bacharach

United States Magistrate Judge